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TO:

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SUBJECT: Federal Per Diem Rates (CONUS)

In Revenue Procedure 98-64, the Internal Revenue Service has updated the federal per diem rates established by Revenue Procedure 97-59 for travel within the continental United States (CONUS). These standard rates affect the computation of the taxable portion of per diem allowances paid to State of Hawaii officers and employees. The information in this memorandum therefore needs to be forwarded to the offices in your department responsible for the computation and reporting of the taxable portion of per diem allowances for payroll tax withholding purposes.

The following rates are to be used for computing, under the high-low substantiation method, the taxable portion of per diem for CONUS travel expenses paid or incurred on or after January 1, 1999.

	High-Cost Locality	Low-Cost Locality
Lodging Meals and Incidental Expenses	\$143 <u>42</u>	\$ 81 <u>34</u>
Total federal rates	\$185	\$115

Revenue Procedure 98-64 has also made some changes in the locations identified in the high-cost category. Attached is an updated listing of high-cost localities; all other CONUS localities are considered low-cost localities under the high-low substantiation method.

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Attachment

Key city

Alabama

Gulf Shores

(May 1-September 30)

California

Gualala

Palo Alto San Francisco

Sunnyvaie

Yosemite Nat'l Park

(April 1-October 31)

Colorado

Aspen

(June 1-March 31)

County or other defined location

Baldwin

City limits of Gualala City limits of Palo Alto

San Francisco

City limits of Sunnyvale

Mariposa

Pitkin

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Key city Telluride (November 1-March 31) District of Columbia Washington, D.C.

Florida Delray Beach (November 1-March 31) (January 1-April 30)

Key West (December 1-April 30) Palm Beach (January 1-April 30) Singer Island (January 1-April 30)

Sun Valley (April 1-September 30) Π linois Chicago

Lake County Maine Bar Harbor

Idaho

Maryland Baltimore Montgomery County Ocean City (April 1-August 31)

Massachusetts Boston Cambridge Martha's Vineyard (June 1-September 30)

Michigan Charlevoix (July 1-September 30) Mackinac Island

Nevada Stateline New Jersey Cape May

(June 1-September 30) Ocean City (June 1-August 31) Piscataway Union County

New York The Bronx Brooklyn December 28, 1998

County or other defined location San Miguel

Eagle

District of Columbia

City limits of Delray Beach

City limits of Jupiter

Monroe

City limits of Palm Beach

City limits of Singer Island

City limits of Sun Valley

Cook Lake County

Hancock

Baltimore Montgomery County Worcester

Suffolk

City limits of Cambridge

Dukes

Charlevoix

Mackinac

Douglas

Cape May (except Ocean City)

City limits of Ocean City

City limits of Piscataway Union County

The Bronx Brooklyn

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Key city

Manhattan Queens Borough Saratoga Springs (August 1-August 31) Tarrytown/White Plains West Point

North Carolina Kill Devil Hills (May 1-August 31)

Pennsylvania
Hershey
(May 1-October 31)
Philadelphia
Rhode Island
Newport
(June 1-September 30)

South Carolina Hilton Head (March 1-August 31) Myrtle Beach (June 1-September 30)

Utah
Park City
(December 1-March 31)

Virginia Alexandria Arlington Fairfax County

Wintergreen (June 1-October 31)

Washington Seattle

.04 Changes in high-cost localities. The list of high-cost localities in section 5.03 of this revenue procedure differs from the list of high-cost localities in section 5.03 of Rev. Proc. 97–59.

(1) The following localities (listed by key cities) have been added to the list of high-cost localities: Gulf Shores, Alabama; Sunnyvale, California; Yosemite National Park, California; Deiray Beach, Florida; Jupiter, Florida; Palm Beach, Florida; Singer Island, Florida; Sun Valley, Idaho; Charlevoix, Michigan; Mackinac Island, Michigan; Stateline. Nevada; Piscataway, New Jersey; Union County, New Jersey; Saratoga Springs, New York; West Point, New York; Hershey, Pennsylvania; and Wintergreen, Virginia.

County or other defined location

Manhattan Queens Saratoga

Westchester Orange

Dare

City limits of Hershey

Philadelphia; city of Bala Cynwyd in Montgomery County

Newport

Beaufort

Horry; Myrtle Beach Air Force Base

Summit

City limits of Alexandria

Arlington

Fairfax County (includes the cities of Falls Church and Fair-

fax) Nelson

King

(2) The portion of the year for which the following are high-cost localities (listed by key cities) has been changed: Aspen, Colorado; Telluride, Colorado; Vail, Colorado; Key West, Florida; Bar Harbor, Maine; Ocean City, Maryland; Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts; Cape May, New Jersey; Ocean City, New Jersey; Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina; Newport, Rhode Island; Hilton Head, South Carolina; and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

(3) The following localities (generally listed by key cities) have been removed from the list of high-cost localities: Grand Canyon, Arizona; Los Angeles, California; Napa, California; Santa Clara County, California (except the city limits of Palo Alto and Sunny-

vale); Mendocino County, California (except the city limits of Gualala); Keystone/Silverthorne, Colorado; Lewes. Delaware; Naples, Florida; Du Page County, Illinois; Nashville, Indiana; Harford County, Maryland; Prince George's County, Maryland; St. Michaels, Maryland; Middlesex County, Massachusetts (except the city limits of Cambridge); Nantucket, Massachusetts; Incline Village, Nevada; Hanover, New Hampshire; Parsippany/Dover, New Jersey; Santa Fe. New Mexico; Nassau County, New York: Staten Island Borough, New York; Suffolk County, New York; Block Island. Rhode Island; Loudoun County, Virginia: Friday Harbor, Washington; and Jackson. Wyoming.

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